## **Missouri Department of Natural Resources**

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## Public Service Announcement TIRE FEE EXPIRES

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Are you are buying new tires for your car in the New Year? Remember that tire dealers should not be charging you the 50 cents per tire previously used to fund Missouri's waste tire cleanup program. The law authorizing this 50-cent fee expired on Jan. 1, 2004. Tire dealers may still charge up to \$2 to cover their costs for tire disposal. If you think this 50-cent saving will save you money, think again. It costs more than \$2 per tire to clean up old tires once they've been dumped in Missouri. The state cleaned up more than 12 million scrap tires during the past 11 years. Most scrap tires recovered in Missouri are burned for energy.

In addition, the state has used the money from the 50-cent per tire fee to encourage tire recycling, permitting and related activities.

For more information, contact the Missouri Department of Natural Resources at 1-800-361-4827 or visit www.dnr.mo.gov.